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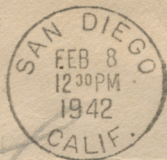
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PLATOON 221. RECRUIT DEPOT

M.C.B. SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Feb. 7, 1942

Hello Folks;

Well I have finally started to get down to business. They issued us a complete outfit consisting of 1 overcoat, 1 Dress Blouse, 1 pair Dress pants, 1 Pith helmet, 1 Work suit, 3 undershirts, 3 shorts, 4 pr. stockings, 2 pair shoes, 2 ties, 2 towels, 1 sweat shirt and our emblems.

We are sleeping in 6 man tents, only there are eight of us to a tent. The sun really gets hot during the day and the nights are cool. We also were issued a bucket of toilet articles. We have marked all of our personal property with our name and we were told if any person was caught trying to steal or stealing some one else's property he would be dishonorably discharged and also serve a term in the naval prison on Mare Island.

Our platoon street is right on the parade ground and it really is a parade ground. It is about a mile long and about a quarter of a mile wide. The Marine Band plays each morning and night when they raise or lower the flag. They played the Marine Hymn and it really is a stirring piece of music. It does something to you when you hear the music and see the way that they march in perfect unison.

We have been told that we can't eat any candy or have any literature or our person, buy any cigarettes or have a knife over two inches long. We are not allowed to borrow or lend any money. In other words they mean business when they say no monkey business.

We are allowed to receive tobacco

throw the mail so I'll have to depend
on you for a little while for my
cigarettes

I'm sorry about my clothes but that
was the only way we could send our
clothes home. I am enclosing five dollars for
you to pay for the express charges and
cigarettes. I won't have any use for my
money as we won't get paid until we
are thru training.

How are all of you back home. Is
Ma behaving alright. Are you still
on your reducing diet Mary, and how
is Eddie. Last but not least how
is my little niece, she still growing.
Waiting to hear from you

P.S. Don't forget to
send me a carton of
cigarettes. Bye.

So Long
George